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STEEL MATERIAL EXCELLENT IN SURFACE
SMOOTHNESS
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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION FILED TOGETHER
WITH REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

Sir:

This responds to the Final Office Action of March 21, 2006 (the "Final Office Action") and Advisory Action dated December 6, 2006 (the "Advisory Action"), associated with the above-referenced patent application, and filed together with the Request for Continued Examination ("RCE"). It is noted that the Noted of Appeal for this application has been submitted by Applicants, and received by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on December 26, 2006. Please amend the application as set forth below and consider the remarks which follow.